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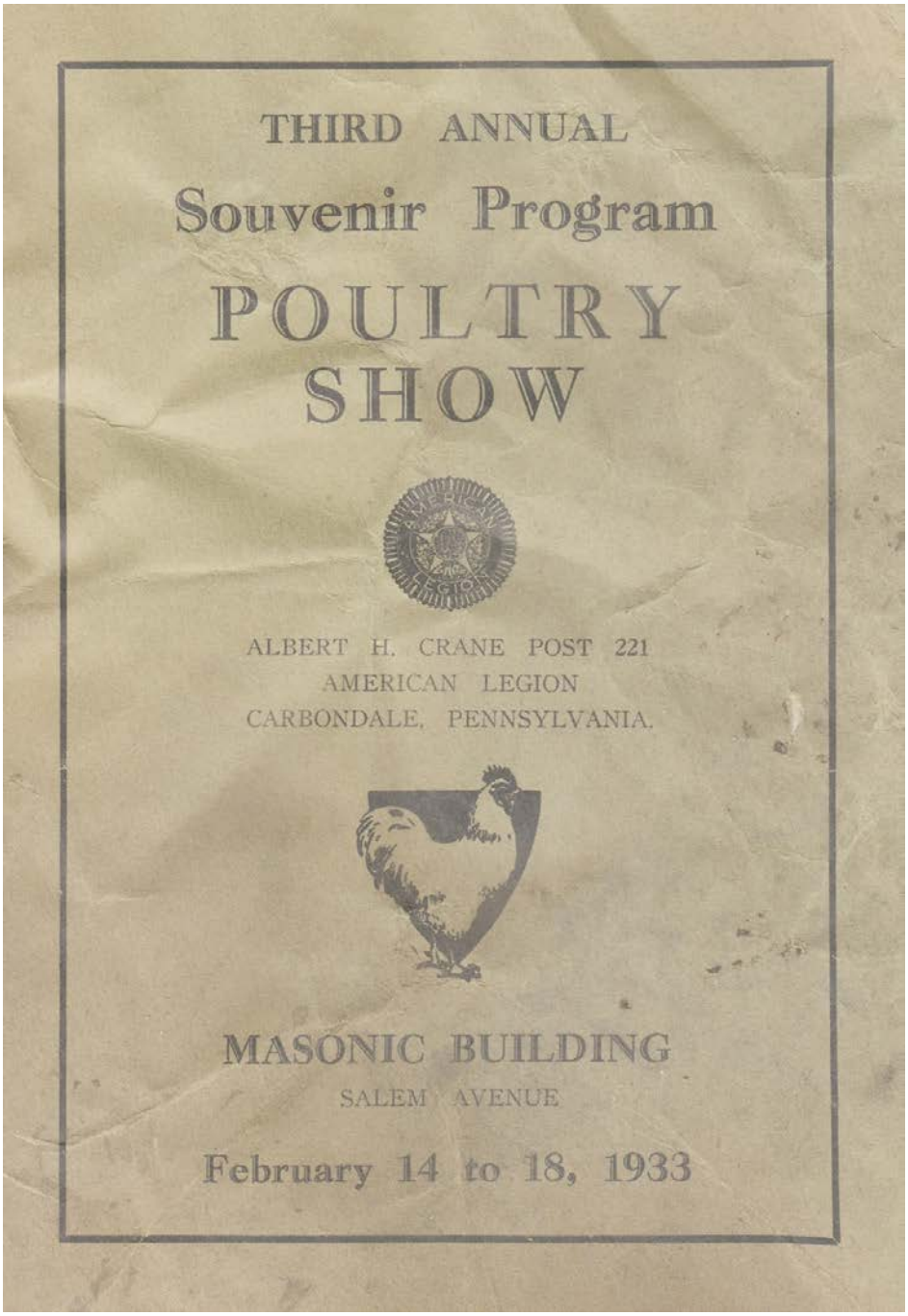

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Pullets
16—Thomas Booth.
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34—Cletus A. Sopp.
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36—Cletus A. Sopp.
37—Cletus A. Sopp.
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38—Cletus A. Sopp.
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44—Cletus A. Sopp.
45—Cletus A. Sopp.
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46—Cletus A. Sopp.
47—Cletus A. Sopp.
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88—Cecil Rose.
89—Cecil Rose.
90—Cecil Rose.
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217—D. J. Trezise.
218—D. J. Trezise.
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224—Marshall Harris.
225—Marshall Harris.
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195—James J. Cawley.

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260—Miss Lucille Langman.
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262—Cecil Rose.
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263—Bert Puckey.
264—Cecil Rose.
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266—Bert Puckey.
267—Alex Wilson.
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Pullets
268—Bert Puckey.
269—Bert Puckey.
270—Alex Wilson.
270A—Thomas Astelford.
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197—Bert Puckey.
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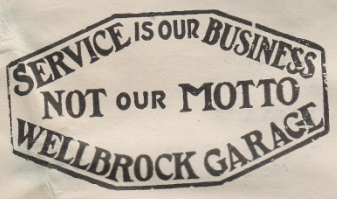

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281—Bruno Schuman.

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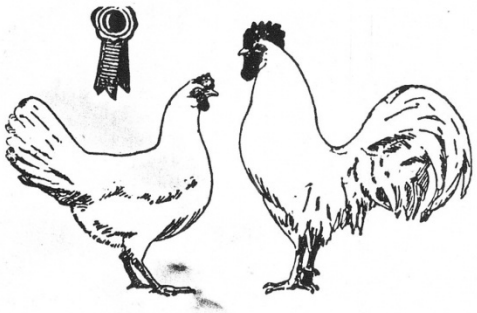

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Articles from Carbondale newspapers, 1855-1899, about poultry, agriculture, county fairs &c:

Carbondale Transcript and Lackawanna Journal, April 6, 1855, p. 3

Standard Brahmas

EGGS FOR HATCHING.

THE subscriber having obtained the BRAHMA FOWLS, will furnish Eggs to order on reasonable terms. The Brahma's are not surpassed in size by any of the imported breeds. Their color is a light cream, with dark neck hackles, black tails and wing tips. They are very hardy, good layers, and their flesh very savory ; legs yellow, short, and feathered to the toes.

S. L. WOOD.

Carbondale, March 23, 1855. 15-3m

P. S. Some of my stock were hatched from Eggs sent me the distance of 150 miles.

Carbondale Advance, May 4, 1872, p. 2

Standard Brahmas owned by Joseph Birkett, who was Mayor of Carbondale, 1877-1878

BRAHMA FOWLS.

PURE and GENUINE BRAHMA EGGS for setting can be obtained by calling upon the Subscriber, for $1.50 per dozen.

JOSEPH BIRKETT.

Carbondale May 1, 1872.

Carbondale Leader, August 30, 1873, p. 3

LUZERNE FAIR.—It has been decided to hold the Agricultural Fair for this county on October 7, 8, 9, and 10, and the following persons have been elected directors, and assigned to the different departments, viz.: Major Hicks, L. N. Smith, J. R. Laycock, department of horses; J. R. Coolbaugh, James Atherton, of articles in principal building; A. S. Davenport, Wm. Ferguson, farm produce, vegetables, etc.; J. D. Green, D. Lamb, poultey, etc.; George Reith, W. T. Honeywell, cattle, sheep, swine, etc.; John Laning, Wm. Shoemaker, machinery, farming implements, etc. A resolution was adopted that J. R. Coolbaugh, James Atherton, W. P. Miner, Wm. Shoemaker, and J. B. Smith be a committee to arrange the premium list, and report at the meeting which was held in Wyoming last Thursday.

Poultry Superintendents at the 1873 Luzerne Fair: J. D. Green and D. Lamb

Fair held where?

Carbondale Leader, December 8, 1877, p. 2

Eggs, per Pound and per Annum.

A Correspondent of the *Ohio Farmer* gives the following table as the result of experiments with the different varieties of fowls :

Light Brahmas and Partridge Cochins—Eggs, seven to the pound ; lay 130 per annum.

Dark Brahmas—Eggs, eight to the pound ; lay 120 per annum.

Black, White and Buff Cochins—Eggs, eight to the pound ; lay 115 per annum.

Plymouth Rocks—Eggs, eight to the pound ; lay 150 per annum.

Houdans—Eggs, eight to the pound ; lay 150 per annum.

La Fleche—Eggs, seven to the pound ; lay 130 per annum.

Creve Coeurs—Eggs, eight to the pound ; lay 140 per annum.

Black Spanish—Eggs, seven to the pound ; lay 140 per annum.

Leghorns—Eggs, eight to the pound ; lay 160 per annum.

Hamburgs—Eggs, nine to the pound ; lay 150 per annum.

Polish—Eggs, nine to the pound ; lay 125 per annum.

Dominiques—Eggs, nine to the pound ; lay 135 per annum.

Games—Eggs, nine to the pound ; lay 130 per annum.

Bantams—Eggs, sixteen to the pound ; lay 90 per annum.

We have not seen reported anywhere else the data reported here on the "number of eggs per pound" and the "number of eggs per year per hen" for the breeds listed here.

"I am still in hope that we will all meet in America":

Letters from Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire, Scotland
to Dunmore, Pennsylvania, USA
1852-1903

with miscellaneous
other letters to the Brydens and Glencrosses
of 207 Helen Street
1859-1896

[From DWP]

"prize-winning hens"
6-4-1879
see herein

Transcribed and Annotated in 1994
by Penny Richards

Editor's Introduction

You are about to meet a family. They are not, in any obvious respect, unusual—in fact, their lives were probably much like those of many laboring families in Victorian Scotland. They were not famous, or prominent, or even very colorful. They were most often poor, troubled, and yearning across an ocean for loved ones and better lives.

Marion Brown is the chief correspondent in the Sanquhar collection (about 150 items). Born in 1844, she seems to have been sickly from a very early age, and her various ailments, both serious and minor, are recounted, along with the treatments she received (some worse than the original complaint). Marion lost her mother quite young, and spent the rest of her life with "Aunt" Agnes Glencross Scott (1817-1902), and Aunt's son "Tam" (Thomas Glencross Scott), and his family. She never married. Her state of health and attachment to Aunt prevented her from emigrating to America when so many loved ones did, but she maintained close connection with her uncle John Glencross (1821-1894), his daughter Marion (1852-1919) and later, Marion's husband James Bryden (1844-1895) by mail. Gifts, photos, and money were exchanged as well, the latter becoming especially important as conditions worsened for the family in Sanquhar.

What Marion doesn't write about says almost as much as what she does include. Marion is clearly quite literate, but never once mentions a book she has read. While her faith comforts her through terrible times, she mentions just once going to church, and then with distaste. The Duke who owned much of the land about Sanquhar is mentioned, but never Queen Victoria, who reigned through much of Marion's life. On New Year's Eve, 1899, Marion Brown wrote a letter which made no mention of the century about to open. Marion seems to have travelled only in her immediate region—she makes no mention of ever having seen Glasgow, or even Dumfries, though both are within forty miles of Sanquhar. Books, social gatherings, current events, and travel were far from Marion's world of God, family, health, and paying bills.

The smaller second collection (about 50 items) is less focused. Letters from James Bryden's family in Ayrshire, and from Scottish friends of the Brydens and Glencrosses now in America, are intermingled chronologically. The Ayrshire letters give us a second family in Scotland to compare to the Browns and Scotts in Sanquhar, while the American letters show the varied paths Scottish immigrants travelled upon reaching America.

Note on transcripts: Every effort has been made to reproduce the text of the letters faithfully. This means that spelling, punctuation, and grammar have been preserved, which can be difficult for the modern American reader to follow at times. Marion Brown and her generation (especially the women) use close-to-standard English (and blessedly clear handwriting), but their parents' language is more Scottish in structure and vocabulary. Certain words are frequently misspelled (*writting, wone, uncel*), but in most cases context is sufficient to determine meaning. In some places, it may be helpful to try reading the passage aloud. A common sentence construction will double up verbs in a way strange to our ears: "She might could write," for example. Another Scottish style of expression (found in the older letters mainly) is to add the town name to the end of a person's name: "William Ferguson Whiteclough" is one instance that occurs in the first pages.

Penny Richards
Durham NC
November 1994

so kind to me and Tom has always been very kind to me. Dear uncle if I had been strong and able to fight the battle of life for myself it would have been different but as it is I ought to be very thankful that I have always some place I can call home our heavenly Father is always kind to me and there will always be a way and will turn up when we least expect it. Aunt has moderate good health but is very bad with rheumatisms. I am just about the same my back is still sore but I can walk about a little altho but slowly I can go up to Sanquhar but it takes me half an hour what another person can do in ten minutes however I am very thankful I can walk as I do I have been worse at speaking this some but the want of my voice does not put me about as long as I am able to move about. All friends here is well as far as I know. We have very hard weather just now and has had for two months. Now I must stop with kind regards to you and all friends in which Aunt joins in hopping to hear from you soon I am your affectionate neice Marion Brown PS The post is just waiting.

James Bryden has a broken collarbone and a new son (James). In Sanquhar, winter, sickness, storms, and unemployment have been difficult for Marion Brown, Aunt, and Tam.

2-24-1879, Marion Brown->Uncle, Castle Mains

Dear Uncle I write to let you know I received your kind letter on the 18th all right and I was able to go up to the bank and get the money and I got it all right and I have to say from Aunt that she was very thankful to see it for it has been a very hard winter here on all classes and you must except of my best thanks as well and I hope our heavenly Father will give you a blessing for your kindness to us. I was sorry to see from James Bryden's letter that he had got his coller bone broken but I hope before this time that he is quite better it has been bad weather this some time for broken bones I hope Marion and the two boys are well. You have never sent us word what the name of her youngest boy is Aunt says she thinks you are all turned doiled when you have forgot to send us the name of the boy. I am writing this lying in bed so you must excuse blunders I have had a bad turn with gravel and my back is so sore that I have had to keep my bed for two days. We have still very stormy weather the ground is white with snow and there has been a good deal more last night and still falling more today. I hope the storm will soon go away now for I think every working man and farmers as well will be wearing for fresh weather for nobody can get working the frost has been so hard. Tom has not been working for three months and he is getting very impatient now. Uncle William and his family are all well and all other friends as far as I know I must stop for I am getting tired. Aunt sends her kind regards to you all and you are not to be so long in writing for we weary to hear from you all except of my kind regards to you hoping to hear from you before long and that this will find you all well and may God guide you all is the desire of your affectionate neice Marion Brown

Tam writes that his mother is teaching the art of cheesemaking at a nearby farm, and that his wife has had yet another child. His pride, however, is his stock of prize-winning hens. "The Duck" mentioned here is the Duke of Queensberry, major landholder and employer in Sanquhar at the time.

"prize-winning hens"

6-4-1879, Tam Scott->Uncle John Glencross, Castle Mains Sanquhar

Dear Uncle I take the pleasure of draping you a few lines to let you know how we are all getting on hopping this will find you al well I may say that Mag is getting a little better but has had a very bad turn and my mother is well but Bothered with Rheumatism She is at Auchengruick just now larning them to make the chease she has both the Dairs to tairn she is standing her age well I do not know much als of her but scarce so fast as in formar days I may say that the Wife is well and the Son he is 9 weeks old to day and a fine strong helthy boy but i dout he will get too much of his ane will with them Mother is fairly daft about him and Mag is not much better I will depart from this topick but first i will giv you the son's name I call him Samuel Glencross Scott I may say that Robert mcWhir is cum hear for man I am of work just now with smashed ribs which i got at my work but work hear is very scarce and will be scarcer before it is mor plentiful the Duck is stoped puting on his repairs oing to his son standing for mid Lothian and it is a grate pity if he would get on for he is puting this place in a pitful state we are just finishing up old jobs that we had not done it is sed that it will be 3 years before it is any better as the Duck is deep in det their is nothing going on at nothing it does not mater what it is their is 100 on the road that can not get work no place. Every part is alick their is no use leaving one place and going to another for all is alick bad and markets high you sed I had shurly a good stock of poultry I have the best stock of Hamburgs I think in Scotland the have to cum from York and Leads Lincolnshire the best Breeders in England the do nothing else but attend shows and make their living of them and a good one to I sold eggs of my birds this year at 6 shillings and 6 pence a dozen their were 2 settings sent to Nottingham and i am going to have a draw for 4 pair of my prize birds I am getting them printed at Dumfries i intend to make a little mony of it in this dull times I will not stick at nothing I had 44 chickings 5 some 10 weeks old and on Monday night the rates found them and thought they would make a good supper and killed 6 of them and the best to i could have got 1 pound a peace for them It will tell hard against me this year for the shows as you can

scarce get them to run, the shows too years althoe I have an old cock this year has only been shown two times took 1 at Sanquhar and first and special at New Cumnock show the judge told me he was the best cock that he had seen and he put it in the papers to and I took 2 to at New Cumnock my next show will be Dumfries union show which is in August i mean to take first at it to if i am well I was to give you Robert mcWhirrs kind love you and Uncle John and go have to send word what sort of a country you are in I could fill a letter about my birds with prizes and remarks at shows but i will let them drop I hap trade is getting better with you Tome will be a man by this time his cousin Tam is feet and built from the ground he was home hear at the Tairon[?] he always calls it his Home you know he never knew anything els you might tell him to write a letter to me as i fell as [*rest of letter missing*]

Tam's ribs have been smashed on the job, but he has recovered enough to work again when work is available. Marion says she has been ill for fifteen years now: "The doctor tells me my blood is almost water."

7-4-1879, Marion Brown->Uncle John Glencross, Castle Mains

Dear Uncle We have been expecting a letter from either you or James Bryden this some time and none has come and Aunt is got out of patience and just made me start today to write and ask if you are all about your useal in health or what is come over you at all, the truth is she takes fits of wearing and thinks the time longer than it is but it is five months since we had a letter from you now. I hope this will find you all well how is Marion and her two boys getting on Aunt says you have to send her word what the youngest ones name is. Aunt is wonderful well but very bad with rheumatisms sometimes. Tom & his wife and his son is well Tom was of work for ten days he got his ribs smashed one of the planks of the gang sliped at the top and he happened just to be half way up so he was tiped right over and got sore ribs over it but he is better and able to work again the baby is a fine Healthy boy and his name is Samuel. Trade is very dull around here just now and wages is down and provision still keeps high but I hope things will soon take a turn. We have had no summer weather yet it has been both cold and wet. I hear them say that the hay crop is looking well and that is so far good I have not see any of the crops this year for I have been nearly close confined to bed for four months my complaint was gravel and brought on other complaints throughout all the time I have been ill I was never so bad as this time for two months the doctor was at me every day and very often twice a day, sometimes i cannot but think that I have been born to troubles but I may be thankful that I can sit up for an hour every day now and if the weather would turn more settled may be I would get stronger the doctor tells me my blood is almost water and that is how I am so long in gathering strength and ther is no doubt but the blood is the strength of the whole body. Dear uncle it is fifteen years since I turned ill and I have always lived in the hope that I may get strong sometimes I wonder if ever I will get that hope realised but us poor sinful creatures has no right to grumble and if God sees fit he will raise me up at his own good time, and if not I hope I may be content what ever my lot may be. Now I have to tell you again from Aunt that you are to be sure and write soon some of you she says as many of you might have a letter here every month you would not beleive how she wearies to hear from you and how often she talks about you, uncle William and his family are all well and all other friends as far as I know. now I must stop for I am tired with kind love to you and all other friends in which Aunt joins I am your affectionate neice Marion Brown be sure and write soon PS I forgot to say that Aunt wishedto be remembered to Mrs Law for well Aunt can remember them going to school together.

Tam Scott--jobless and without hope of a job--begs his uncle John for help in booking passage to America.

9-4-1879, Tom Scott->Uncle John Glencross, Castle Mains Sanquhar

My dear Uncle I take up the pen to write you but I fell it rather a difficult task to writ to one that I never saw nor had any communication with But it is on a pressing case of business that I am going to write upon I mean to beleave that you know the way that I am placed I have my mother and my cousin and my wife and child to mantian and I fell it rather a difficult task to do it just now as I have been out of work for a good while and have no prospects of getting work as it is not in the cuntry to get it has not been so bad in no manys day that is living her that I can communicate with and I am consulting with rich and poor and no prospicts of it getting any better for a good many years I even went to Dumfries and applied for a Police's place and had Testimonials of chacter from all my masters that I have ever been with past the Docter and all but have not got a place as yet so you se that I would not stick If their was anything lick a chanch but I do ashure you that their is nothing to be got hear for no line of business but theof business that I am going to cum to us this if i stop hear I will let myself run into det which I will never be fit to recuver myself from and I begg of you if it is in your power to assist me inso far as this to take out my passage to sail at once to America myself anty and and I would stay and work till such time as I could pay their passage but the will not lift in the meantime till the se how I will do I se by the account of the papers that the are good wadges going in America I hop that you will grant what I desire but I would rather

Carbondale Advance, July 10, 1880, p. 3

William Blume, Lackawanna Poultry Yards, Scranton, PA

THE LACKAWANNA POULTRY YARDS.

The proprietor of these yards has one of the finest stocks of the feathered "tribe" in this state. Plymouth Rocks, Brown Leghorns, Bantams, and fancy Pigeons receive the most careful attention. The eggs are shipped to any section of the country, and a full "sitting" of 13 can be obtained by sending inclosure of $2. The eggs are carefully packed and sent to any address with promptness. All orders should be addressed to William Blume, Lackawanna Poultry Yards, Scranton, Pa.

[From DWP]

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Carbondale Advance, Saturday, August 27, 1881, P. 3

LACKAWANNA COUNTY FAIR.

The first annual fair of the Lackawanna County Agricultural Association will be held on their grounds in this city on the 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th of September. At this exhibition $5,014.00 will be offered in premiums, so distributed among the various departments as to attract the attention of manufacturers, agriculturists, stockmen and horticulturists. The following are the amount of premiums assigned to each department, and the names of the judges selected to act during the fair, on which occasion it may confidently be expected that the display will be the finest ever witnessed at a county fair in this portion of the State, as no effort will be spared on the part of the officers and management to make it a grand success:

Department No. 1.

Group 1—Horses—Premiums, $1,800. Superintendent, James E. Carmalt, Scranton, Pa. Judges—John E. Wood, Middletown, N. Y.; George Reeder, Easton, Pa.; U. G. Schoonmaker, Scranton; Samuel Clark, Elmira, N. Y.; Hon. Giles Roberts, Falls, Pa.; William T. Smith, Scranton, Dr. John H. Hann, Newton, Pa.

Group 2—Cattle Department—Premiums $1,000. Superintendent, Henry P. Jacobs, Newtown, Pa Judges—Hon. John C. Morris, Friendsville; James Bunnell, Tunkhannock; Isaac Tripp, Kingston; Benjamin White, Newton; Joseph W. Griffin, Abington; David W. Dale, Daleville; J. D. Knight, Clark's Green

Group 3—Sheep Department—Premiums $250. Superintendent, L. C. Bortree, Moscow, Pa. Judges—Hon. D. K Morss, Fell; Levi Birchard, Birchardville; P. K. Richards, Ransom; O. S. Hendricks, Clark's Green; S. P. Reynolds, Benton; William T. Birdsall, Wayne Co.; James Kennedy, Greenfield.

Group 4—Swine Department—Premiums 200. Superintendent, H. H. Colvin, Dalton. Judges, Thomas Smith, Dalton; D. W. LaRue, Newton; H. W. Northrupt, Dalton; W. Norton, Wayne Co.; J. E. Finn, Fleetville; Jeremiah Osterhout, LaGrange; Christopher Byrne, St. Josephs

Group 5—Poultry Department—Premiums $256. Superintendent, R. M. Lindsly, Scranton; Judges. John Robertson, Frank Jermyn, Charles R. Smith, John H Phelps, C. C. Carmalt, Scranton.

Department No. 2.

Class 24—Implements and Machinery—Premiums Medals and Certificates. Entries in this class must be made previous to Sept. 1st. Superintendent, George L. Dickson. Judges, Hon. J. B. Van Bergen, Carbondale; W. G. Parks, Montrose; Merritt H. Coon, Newton; Carl W. McKinney, Scranton; S. Stevenson, Clark's Green.

Department No 3.

Class 25—Grain and Seeds—Premiums, $400. Superintendent, Henry Belin, Scranton. Judges, Wm. H. Richmond, Scranton; J. G. Northup, Abington; Calvin Seybolt, Scranton; Isaac Tillinghast, La Plume; L C Clearwater, Salem.

Class 26—Vegetables. Judges, Clark Lowrey, Green Grove; Levi Lindley, Scranton; John L. Stone, Abington.

Class 27—Butter and Cheese. Judges, M. H. Dale, Scranton; Mrs. J. W. Griffin, South Abington; Mrs. H. H Colvin, Dalton; Mrs. Julia Butterfield, Montrose; Roscoe Sherman, Waverly.

Class 27—Bread, Sugar, &c. Judges, Hon. Lewis Pughe, Scranton; W. G. Polen, Falls; Mrs. M. A Sherman, Abington; Mrs O. S. Hendricks, South Abington; Mrs. Dr. Henry Roberts, Providence.

Class 29—DomesticManufactures. Judges, P. B. Finley, Scranton; John Hice, Newton; Mrs. Wm. Watkins, Green Ridge; Mrs. F. F. Merriman, Dunmore; Mrs. J. D Knight, Clark's Green.

Class 30—Flowers and Green House Plants. Judges, L. S. Fuller, Scranton; Mrs. James E. Carmalt, Scranton; Miss Helen Silkman, Mrs. U. G. Schoonmaker, George E. Clark, Scranton.

Class 31—Fruits. Judges, Wm. Hall, South Eaton; Steuben Jenkins, Wyoming; A. C. Sisson, Factoryville; Msrcereau, Catawissa; Dr. R. A. Svuire, Scranton.

The Association, in the supplement to Department No. 1, and Class 32, offer $1,000 in purses for trotting horses.

The following persons have been appointed Marshal- to act during the fair

Hon. A. I. Ackerly, Simon Kennedy, Dr. George Throop, Thomas A. Black, J. W. Boice, Patrick Jordan, Thomas Reynolds, Andrew Lord, John J. O'Boyle, Westcott Stone, B. F. Reese, A. L. Foote, John B. Seamans, Fred. Stevens, J. J. Jermyn, Thos. G. Smith, J. C. Gardner, James O'Neill.

Poultry Department

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PREMIUM LIST
OF THE
LACKAWANNA COUNTY FAIR

DEPARTMENT I.—LIVE STOCK.

GROUP I.—HORSES.

Sweepstakes.

1 For best four carriage horses, comprising one stallion and three of his get; stallion not less than 16 hands.....$30 00
2 For best four fine bred roadster horses, stallion and three of his get; stallion less than 16 hands..... 30
3 For best four heavy draught horses, stallion and three of his get..... 30

CLASS 1.—Carriage Horses, Mares and Colts.

Standard for stallions four years old and over, sixteen hands high and eleven hundred pounds in weight.

	First.	Second.
4 Stallion 4 years old or over..	$30 00	$20 00
5 Stallion, 3 years old.....	20	10
6 Stallion, between 1 & 3 yrs old	15	8
7 Brood mare, with foal at foot..	15	8
8 Mare, 4 years old or over....	15	10
9 Mare, 3 years old	10	5
10 Mare, between 1 and 3 yrs old	10	5

CLASS 2.—Fine bred Roadsters, Horses, Mares and Colts.

Less than 16 hands high when fully matured.

11 Stallion, 4 years old or over..	$30 00	$20 00
12 Stallion, betw'n 3 and 4 yrs old	20	10
13 Stallion, betw'n 1 and 3 yrs old	15	8
14 Brood mare, with foal at foot	15	8
15 Mare, 4 years old or over....	15	10
16 Mare between 3 and 4 years..	10	5
17 Mare, between 1 and 3 years..	10	5

CLASS 3.—Draught Horses, Mares and Colts.

18 Stallion, over 4 years old.....	$30 00	$20
19 Stallion, betw'n 3 and 4 yrs old	20	10
20 Stallion, betw'n 1 and 3 yrs old	15	8
21 Brood mare with foal at foot	15	8
22 Mare, over four years old.	15	10
23 Mare, between 3 and 4 yrs old.	10	5
24 Mare, between 1 and 3 yrs old.	10	5

CLASS 4.—Carriage Harness and Saddle Horses.

25 Pair of geldings or mares for light harness.....	$25 00	$15 00
26 Pair of geldings or mares for carriage horses not less than 15 hands and 3 inches high...	25	15
27 Best pair draught horses, mares or geldings.....	20	10
28 Best roadster.....	20	15
29 Saddle horse gaited.....	15	8
30 Best pony, under 11 hands...	5	3

GROUP 2.—CATTLE.

CLASS 5.—Short Horns and their grades.

31 Best Herd, composed of one bull and four cows or heifers, four of whom shall be over 1 yr old.	$50 00	
32 Bull, 2 years old or over.....	15	$ 8
33 Bull, between 1 and 2 yrs old.	10	5
34 Bull calf.....	10	5
35 Cow, 3 years old or over	10	5
36 Heifer, between 2 and 3 years.	8	4
37 Heifer, between 1 and 2 years.	5	3
38 Heifer calf.....	3	2

CLASS 6.—Devons and their grades.

Same as Short Horns.

CLASS 7.—Holsteins and their grades.

Same as Short Horns.

CLASS 8.—Ayrshires and their grades.

Same as Short Horns.

CLASS 9.—Channel Island Cattle, either Jerseys, Guernseys or Alderneys and their grades.

Same as Short Horns.

CLASS 10.—Polled Angus Cattle and their grades.

Same as Short Horns.

CLASS 11.—Unenumerated.

	First.	Second.
119 Best milk cow, 3 yrs or over..	$10 00	$ 5 00
120 Best heifer, between 2 and 3 years old.....	8	4
121 Best heifer, betw'n 1 and 2 yrs	5	3
122 Best heifer calf under 1 yr old	3	2

CLASS 12.—Working Oxen and Fat Cattle.

123 Yoke of working oxen.....	$25 00	$10 00
124 Fat ox, over 4 years old.....	20	10
125 Fat cow, over 4 yrs old.....	20	10

GROUP 3.—SHEEP.

CLASS 13.—Long Wooled, including Leicesters, Cotswolds and Lincolns.

126 Ram, 2 years old or over....	$10 00	$ 5 00
127 Ram, betw'n 1 and 2 yrs old	8	4
128 Ram, lamb.....	5	3
129 Pen of 3 ewes, 1 yr or over..	10	5
130 Pen of three lambs.....	8	4
131 Pen of three fat wethers.....	10	5

CLASS 14.—Middle Wooled Sheep, including South Downs, Shropshires, Hampshires and Oxfordshires.

Same as Long Wools.

CLASS 15.—Merinos.

Same as Long Wools.

GROUP 4.—SWINE.

CLASS 16.—Large White Breed, including Chester County, and large Yorkshires and Prince Alberts.

144 Best Boar, over 1 year old....	$5 00	$3 00
145 Best boar, under 1 year old...	5	3
146 Best sow, over 1 yr old and pen of not less than 4 pigs....	8	4
147 Best sow under 1 year old....	5	3

CLASS 17.—Large Black, including Poland China and Berkshire.

Same as Large Whites.

CLASS 18.—Duroc or Jersey Reds.

Same as Class 16.

CLASS 19.—Small White, including Small Yorkshire and Suffolk.

Same as Class 16.

CLASS 20.—Small Black, Essex and their crosses.

Same as Class 16.

GROUP 5.—POULTRY, &c.

CLASS 21.—Poultry.

	First.	Second.
164 Best collection of pure breed poultry.....	Silver Medal.	
165 American, trio of dominiques...	$3 00	$1 50
166 American, trio of Plym'th Rocks	3	1 50
167 Asiatic, trio of light Brahmas..	3	1 50
168 Asiatic, trio of dark Brahmas...	3	1 50
169 Asiatic, trio of white Cochins..	3	1 50
170 Asiatic, trio of black Cochins...	3	1 50
171 Bantams, trio of red game.....	3	1 50
172 Bantams, trio of red pile.....	3	1 50
173 Bantams, trio of duckwing game	3	1 50
174 Bantams, trio of Sebright.....	3	1 50
175 Bantams, trio of other Bantams	3	1 50
176 English, trio of Dorkings.....	3	1 50
177 French, trio of Creve Cœurs, Houdans or La Fleche.....	3	1 50
178 Hamburghs, trio gold'n spangl'd	3	1 50
179 Hamburghs, trio silver spangl'd	3	1 50
180 Hamburghs, trio of black.....	3	1 50
181 Hamburgh's, trio of white.....	3	1 50
182 Polish, trio of black.....	3	1 50
183 Spanish, trio of black.....	3	1 50
184 Spanish, trio of white leghorn (yellow leg and single combs)...	3	1 50
185 Spanish, trio of brown leghorn	3	1 50
186 Spanish, trio of black leghorn..	3	1 50
187 Turkeys, trio black.....	3	1 50
188 Turkeys, trio bronze.....	3	1 50
189 Turkeys, trio buff.....	3	1 50
190 Turkeys, trio gray or Nar'gansett	3	1 50
191 Turkeys, trio white.....	3	1 50
192 Turkeys, trio wild.....	3	1 50
193 Guinea fowls, trio pearl.....	3	1 50
194 Guinea fowls, trio white.....	3	1 50
195 Pea fowls.....	3	1 50
196 Pea fowls, trio white.....	3	1 50
197 Pheasants, trio ring neck.....	3	1 50
198 Pheasants, trio silver.....	3	1 50
199 Pheasants, English.....	3	1 50
200 Pheasants, Albino.....	3	1 50

CLASS 22—Aquatic Fowls.

201 Geese, trio African $3 00		$1 00
202 Geese, trio brown China.....	3	1 50
203 Geese, trio white	3	1 50
204 Geese, trio Embden.....	3	1 50
205 Geese, trio Toulouse.....	3	1 50
206 Geese, trio wild.....	3	1 50
207 Ducks, trio Rouen.....	3	1 50
208 Ducks, trio Aylesbury,.....	3	1 50
209 Ducks, trio Muscovy.....	3	1 50
210 Ducks, trio Pekin.....	3	1 50

CLASS 23.—Pigeons, Rabbits, &c.

211 Pair of Antwerps.....$2 00		$1 00
212 Pair of Barbs.....	2	1
213 Pair of carriers.....	2	1
214 Pair of fantails.....	2	1
215 Pair of jacobins.....	2	1
216 Pair of tumblers.....	2	1
217 Pair of turbits.....	2	1
218 Pair lop-eared or Madagascan rabbits.....	2	1
219 Pair silver grey rabbits.....	2	1

DEPARTMENT II.—PRODUCE, &c.

CLASS 24.—Implements and Machinery.

The exhibition of agricultural implements and machinery, and also of other labor-saving machinery, and of manufadtured articles of utility is invited.

Medals and certificates of merit will be awarded (to the inventors or makers) for such articles as the judges may be able to examine or test sufficiently to decide as to their merits, and which they find deserving of appropal or commendation. Entries under this invitation must be made previous to Sept. 1, 1881.

Poultry premiums at the 1881 Lackawanna County Fair

CLASS 25.—Grain, Seeds, &c.

Grain exhibits must be made in open half bushel measures, excepting ears of corn, furnished by exhibitors.

		First.	Second.
220	½ bushel white winter wheat	$2 00	$1 00
221	½ bu red winter wheat	2	1
222	½ bushel spring wheat	2	1
223	½ bushel winter rye	2	1
224	½ bu yellow indian corn(shell'd)	2	1
225	½ bu white indian corn(shell'd)	2	1
226	½ bushel field beans	2	1
227	½ bushel field peas	2	1
228	½ bushel buckwheat	2	1
229	½ bushel clover seed	2	1
230	½ bushel timothy seed	2	1
231	½ bushel millet	2	1
232	25 seed ears yellow corn(8 rowed)	2	1
233	25 seed ears yellow corn(12rowed)	2	1
234	25 seed ears white corn	2	1
235	25 seed ears late sweet corn	2	1
236	25 seed ears early sweet corn	2	1
237	12 seed ears popped corn	2	1

CLASS 26.—Vegetables.

238	Six roots of celery	$2 00	$1 00
239	Six cauliflowers	2	1
240	Six broccoli	2	1
241	Exhibition of cabbages	2	1
242	Three heads of lettuce	2	1
243	Exhibition of turnips	2	1
244	Exhibition of beets	2	1
245	Exhibition of carrots	2	1
246	Exhibition of parsnips	2	1
247	Exhibition of onions	2	1
248	Exhibition of tomatoes	2	1
249	Exhibition of egg plants	2	1
250	Exhibition of squashes	2	1
251	Exhibition of sweet potatoes	2	1
252	Exhibition of potatoes	2	1
253	Exhibition of vegetables grown by exhibitor	5	2

CLASS 27.—Butter and Cheese.

254	Best package of 10 pounds net	$8 00	$4 00
255	Best sample not less than 5 lbs in prints	3	2
256	Best cheese not less than 10 lbs	5	3

CLASS 28.—Bread, Sugar, &c.

The bread offered must be made without soda or saleratus, and hop yeast is recommended.

257	Wheat bread	$3 00	$1 00
258	Rye bread	3	1
259	Indian or rye and indian bread	3	1
260	Sample maple sugar 10 pounds	2	1
261	Sample maple syrup, 1 gallon	2	1
262	Sample of pickles in vinegar(process to be stated)	3	2
263	Sample of boxed honey, 10 lbs	3	2
264	Sample of extracted or strained honey	3	2

CLASS 29.—Domestic Manufactures.

		First.	Second.
265	Man'fd silk in cloth or ribbon, ten yards	$3 00	$1 00
266	Reeled silk, one pound	2	1
267	Sewing silk, one pound	2	1
268	Bushel of cocoons	2	1
269	Pair of woolen blankets	2	1
270	Ten yards rag carpet	3	2
271	Hearth rug	2	1
272	Double carpet coverlet	2	1
273	Ten yards of linen cloth	2	1
274	Ten yards of linen diaper	2	1
275	Ten yards of linen kersey	2	1
276	Ten yards of tow cloth	2	1
277	Ten yards of linen bagging	2	1
278	Knit bed spread	2	
279	White, worked or q		

Carbondale Leader, October 6, 1882, p. 2

THE COUNTY FAIR.

The following are some of the exhibits at the County Fair last week, from this section of country:

R. W. Taylor, Carbondale—Spring tooth harrow, Chief hay rake.

G. Wilmot, Jermyn—"Wonderful churn."

John Jermyn, Jermyn—Two baskets potatoes, half bushel Russian oats.

A. V. Gerbig, Archbald—Ten varieties of grapes.

Jones, Simpson & Co., Archbald—the "petrified remains of the first settler of Lackawanna county," and curious specimens of beech and ash, and a beech tree grown upon the lands of C. B. Hackley.

H. E. Church, Green Grove—Onions, cabbage, parsnips, carrots, huge beets, turnips, tomatoes and potatoes.

H. H. Finn, Elkdale—Ventilated can creamery, lifting jack.

D. Davis, Dundaff—Two platform wagons.

The following are among the Scranton exhibits. The business houses named have advertisements in the LEADER:

C. W. Freeman, Scranton—Display of solid silver and fine plated ware, vases and toilet sets, jewel caskets and many costly articles. This exhibit surpassed in richness and artistic finish any display in the building.

S. G. Kerr, Scranton—Full exhibit of rare and handsome carpets, rugs and linoleum.

Dickerson & Francois, Scranton—extremely handsome and costly robes, upon which the most fashionable hats and caps were arranged. Umbrellas, canes, and furnishing goods of the finest texture were also shown.

G. C. Courtright, Scranton—exhibited a very attractive and varied assortment of boots, shoes and slippers of the best make.

John Jermyn, Jermyn

H.H. Finn, Elkdale

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MAKE HENS LAY An English Veterinary Surgeon and Chemist, traveling in this country, says that most of Horse and Cattle Powders sold here are wo less trash. He says that Sheridan's Condi Powders are ab-olutely pure and immen valuable. Nothing on earth will make hens lay like Sheridan's Condition Powders. Dose, 1 teaspoo to 1 pint food. Sold everywhere, or sent by mail for 8 letter-stamps. L. S. JOHNSON & Co., BOSTON, M

Carbondale Advance, September 22, 1883, p. 3

The County Fair.

We visited the Fair grounds at Providence on Thursday afternoon, and were agreeably impressed with the management and arrangement of this year's exhibition. The officers, Messrs. A. B. Stevens, James E. Carmalt and Henry P. Jacobs, certainly deserve great credit for the successful issue of their labors. The display of farm implements was good, but not large; while the display of stock was unusually fine. Horses, cattle, sheep, swine, and fowls, were represented in great, but not bewildering, variety, with some very nice specimens. The main building was all occupied, by exhibitions of goods by the Scranton merchants, fruits and vegetables by the farmers of Lackawanna county, and carriages and sleighs from different makers. The McClave and Howe culm grates were also exhibited in this building.

The side-shows and restaurants, and all kinds of amusing games and devices for making money usually accompanying county fairs, were not wanting on this occasion, and a thriving trade was driven.

It is estimated that 20,000 people visited the grounds on Thursday, and at 4 o'clock p. m. it is calculated there were fully 15,000 people present.

The races between the hose companies resulted, as reported, as follows:

Niagara Company, of Providence, ran 400 yards and laid 100 yards of hose in 1 minute and 22 seconds.

Relief Company, of Petersburg, then followed, and did the same in 1 minute and 25 seconds.

Phœnix Company, of Scranton, closed the contest, doing the same in 1 minute and 24 seconds.

This gave the purse of $100 to Niagara, but the *Republican* states that later on it transpired that the Niagaras had not abided by the rules, and the judges made no award.

To-day, Friday, is the last day of the Fair, when the races will take place, and as the crowd will probably not be so dense, all will have a better opportunity to see what is on exhibition. The exhibit is larger and better than last year, and we have no doubt each succeeding year will show a marked increase in this respect.

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GEO. C. COURTRIGHT.....President
L. R. FOWLER.....Treasurer
D. M. JONES.....Secretary

Carbondale Leader, September 7, 1889, p. 4

Carbondale Leader, September 14, 1889, p. 3

The County Fair.

The weather was not favorable for the county fair this year, but the exhibit was about the same as for the past two years, and the attendance was "fair to middling." Some good blooded stock was exhibited in the line of horses, cattle, swine and sheep. G. W. Okell, of Scranton, had the finest three, year-old Morgan colt probably ever seen at the county fair. There were some very creditable displays in the main building of fancy quilts, painting, embroidery, fruits, vegetables, pianos, sewing machines, wagons, poultry, birds, &c &c. R. M. Cramer and wife, of this city, were there in the interest of the White S. M. Co., and their beautiful embroidering, sewing with the machine attracted much attention.

Among the finest displays at the county fair held in Scranton this week was the exhibit of teas by F P. Price. the Lackawanna avenue grocer. He had every kind of tea grown under the sun, including Japans, greens, blacks, etc.. assorted and done up in pound packages. There were three grades of each kind, marked respectively "Fancy" Choice" and "Prime" so that people calling for their favorite teas can designate the price or the grade by these names along with the name of the tea. Mr. Price's exhibit was truly fine, and the old tea drinkers relished his samples served up in china cups.

Carbondale Leader, March 24, 1890, p. 3

Additional Local News.

AN ALL-NIGHT COCKING MAIN.

Pittston Birds Knocked Out According to Rules.

A rooster fight is interdicted by the laws of the State and therefore there must be considerable judgment exercised in getting the birds killed. This was clearly shown in the management of a cocking main by certain Honesdale, Philadelphia, Carbondale and Pittston gentlemen in a little fight held at La Grange, Wyoming county, last Friday, says The Scranton Truth. The air was full of all sorts of suggestions and intimations as to where the "chicken dispute" was to be held, but the attempt to baffle the seacher of news was not successful. Though the most deplorable ignorance was abroad, about 200 people of Pittston found out that the 8:10 Lehigh Valley train last evening northward bound would stop at the Ferry street crossing, and by the time the train reached La Grange about 400 people disembarked. About two dozen bags containing chickens and other traps pertaining to the work in hand were also discharged.

Two hours and more were consumed in getting the "main" in shape, and at 11 o'clock the crowd was invited into what seemed to have been in its palmiest days a skating rink, where a cock-pit was improvised about ten feet square.

The time was mostly taken up by the gentlemen who wanted to bet on the Pittston birds, and though the odds were large, they were not taken.

Mr. Armbruster, of Hawley, was selected as umpire, and he had a sore job. He was constantly present, and though he had his eye upon the cock-pit, his decisions were not generally agreed to Had he yielded to impulses, as the men who had charge of the birds do, he would have been killed several times. He held his ground and escaped without a bruise. The threats and whippings promised by the crowd did not do him a bit of hurt.

There were eight battles, each of them fought by red and grey fowls, the reds generally winning. The Honesdale and Hawley birds won on technical points. The Philadelphia club had the strongest fighters and laid low two of the Honesdale birds. As a matter of fact, the Philadelphia birds commanded the most respect for pluck and determination.

There were but eight events, only because of the lateness of the morning hour, and as the grey of the morning's dawn extinguished the lamps the audience adjourned to the La Grange House, where some of the interested parties went to sleep and others did not.

The weight of the birds ranged from between 3:10 to 5:15 and the rounds fought ran as high as 15 minutes. All sports say the fowls were very plucky and showed noteworthy determination to stay in the field.

The hotel was overwhelmed with attentive people, and there was nothing left but cheese and coffee to eat or drink when the ravenous crowd left at 7 o'clock this morning. Mr. Billing did not have the pleasure of cooking the Honesdale birds that were killed in the pit and a great crowd left in the fog of the morning with a strong desire to get even with Honesdale and Hawley.

There was more or less astonishment when the morning train pulled in at Pittston Junction with so large a party of respectable people burdened with accounts of a cocking main.

Honesdale has occasion to congratulate itself upon having an umpire who knows his business.

Among those present at the La Grange cock fight were Hon. John Jackson, late member of the State Legislature, Frank DeWitt, cashier of the Tunkhannock National Bank, and Jeremiah Osterhout, one of the oldest residents. They gave their unqualified opinion that Pittston is a great country for roosters.

La Grange is a good place to go to for this sort of sport. It is quiet, far enough away, and does not appreciate the distinction.

The Honesdale people carred away about $80 of gate money and $600 won on the main. It is thought that $2,000 changed hands in wagers on several battles.

The fights were desperate ones in only two instances. The spurs strapped to the legs were applied with vigor, and blood was drawn at the first round in the second and seventh battle. The exhibition was not particularly cruel, except that a cock fight is on its own account, brutal, and there was simply the desire to win upon the event to excite the audience.

Carbondale Leader, August 12, 1892, p. 2

THE STATE FAIR.

To be Held in Providence—$12,000 in Special Prizes.

Lackawanna county has been honored this year with the annual state fair, which will be held at the driving park in Providence next month. The program containing the rules and premium list of the fair is now ready and is being mailed and delivered from the office of General Superintendent Judge Longaker in the Republican building. From the program a fair idea of the magnitude of the fair may be obtained. The fair is being held under the auspices of the State Agricultural society and the Lackawanna Agricultural society, and the members of both organizations are working hard for its success. Premiums in the agricultural department amounting to $5,000 are offered, and there are besides a variety of prizes aggregating $5,000 in the racing department. The managers are confident that the display of farm and mechanical products will be very large because an unusual amount of activity and interest is being manifested not only in this city and state, but in some of the adjoining states. This morning up to eleven o'clock Judge Longaker had received six applications for space from Scranton alone and there have also been many requests for space from the farmers in this vicinity. Work on the buildings goes steadily on and when the improvements now under way are completed everything will be in excellent condition for the display of goods.

The books of entry will be opened at the office of George A. Jessup, secretary, at Scranton, Pa., on Monday, the 15th day of August, 1892. Those on live stocks will be closed on Saturday, September 3, at 6 p. m.; those for other articles on Monday, September 5, the first day of the fair, at 12 o'clock m., when all exhibits must be on the ground. After that time the books will be positively closed and cannot be inspected by any person except the proper officer until the awards shall have been announced.

Blank forms of entry will be furnished by the secretary on application, such forms to be filled up by the exhibitors, and entered in the entry books by the secretary or entry clerk under the proper classification.

At 10 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 6 and 7, the horses and all classes entered for premiums must be on the trial course, except horses entered for speed.

All articles exhibited must remain on the grounds until 4 o'clock p. m. on the last day of the exhibition; if removed prior to that time without the consent of the general superintendent or secretary, the exhibitor will forfeit all premiums awarded to him.

Animals or articles entered for exhibition must have cards attached, with corresponding numbers as entered in the books at the secretary's office.

All articles or live stock offered for competition must be owned by the competitors, and must have been owned by them at least thirty days previous to the fair. All grains, fruits, vegetables and flowers must be the growth of the competitors.

Competition open to the world, except in classes otherwise specified.

All articles on exhibition in the house and floral department shall have no names of exhibitors on cards, only the numbers of the exhibitions corresponding with those on the entry books.

No animal will be allowed to be entered in the name of any other person than the bona fide owner; and no animal of less age than specified in any class can be entered in such class; and if they should be entered in violation of this rule, they will not be permitted to receive a premium, although awarded them by the jury.

The races will be governed by the National association rules. No conditional entries will be received. The entrance fee is five per cent of the purses, with five per cent additional from winners. Entrance for runners will be free.

In the live stock department there will be separate premiums. Those suitable for entry in classes of that department are carriage horses and fine roadsters, mares and colts. The standard for stallions is four years and over.

Class 2 of this department includes draught horses, mares and colts, to weigh not less than 1,200 pounds.

Class 3 will be for carriage, harness, draught and saddle horses.

In the cattle department there will be departments for Thoroughbreads, Jerseys, Devons, Holsteins, Shorthorns, Guernseys Ayrshires, Herefords, Galloways and other recognized breeds. There will also be departments for pure breed sheep and pure breed swine.

In the poultry department there will be exhibits of nearly every kind of domestic fowl.

Poultry Department

The department set aside for farm utensils, carrriage, and wagons will be most complete and every variety of vehicles and many kinds of farming machines will be exhibited. There will be departments devoted to the display of merchandise, musical instruments, leather, painting, fancy work and needlework, and a special exhibit of goods made in Lackawanna county.

The products of the farm will receive due prominence, and there will be sections devoted to school work and work out of school done by boys and girls.

There will be other features of interest connected with the exhibition which will go far to make it a great exhibition.

Carbondale Leader, January 29, 1898, p. 4

POULTRY POINTERS.

The freshest eggs are heaviest.

Do not let the food be too stimulating.

See that the quarters are clean and well ventilated.

Always have the nests removable and kerosene the roosts.

Geese are at their best for breeding after they are 3 years old.

A pullet is not matured until she is a year old, although she may lay.

Keep only young, active, prolific layers and select from them to breed from.

White fowls are liked best by poultry men, because when dressed they look the nicest.

Every breed of fowls has points of merit of its own, and there is a sufficient variety to suit every taste.

Compactness of body, early maturity, vigor and egg production are essential points wanted in fowls.

Fowls should never be confined in such close quarters that they cannot take sufficient exercise to promote digestion.

A hen that has become accustomed to a particular house or roosting place cannot easily be induced to change quarters.

Late hatched chickens should be well fed and kept growing; otherwise they will never make large fowls.—St. Louis Republic.

Carbondale Leader, January 13, 1899, p 4

THE POULTERER.

Leghorns and Brahmas do not thrive well together.

It rarely pays to try to cure a bad case of crop or of egg bound. Kill and burn the hen.

If the fowls have bowel disease, change the food for a day or two and also change the grit.

Hardy, wide rangers, clean of limb and having small combs, are the fowls for the farmers.

Even in winter the material in the nests must be changed occasionally to insure cleanliness.

In winter the laying hens must have bulky food. Give them all the cut clover hay they will eat.

Poultry that is dry picked is not only nicer in appearance, but will keep sweet for a longer time.

Feathers on the legs, large combs and warts and heavy crests do not add anything to the egg production.

Put an old cock, not over 2 years, with the laying pullets and a fully matured, well developed young one with the old hens.

The constant handling of eggs during incubation is often the cause of their failing to hatch. The grease on the hands closes the pores. Never handle them any more than is strictly necessary.—St. Louis Republic.

Carbondale Leader, January 30, 1899, p. 5

NINETY LIVES WERE LOST.

Immense Cave-in on the South Side in Which Ninety Chickens Perished.

One of the largest and most disaterous cave-ins that has happened in this section for some time occurred last evening about nine o'clock when the surface of property owned by Patrick Grady on Pike street sunk about forty feet. A barn standing on the property was completely engulfed and crushed as though it was paper. The barn contained ninty fowls, which were the property of Frank McKenna who occupies the premises. The cave is about 45 by 35 feet in size and its edge extends to within six feet of the dwelling occupied by Mr. McKenna and family.

Shortly before nine, the people in the house heard a great noise in the rear which was followed by the cackling of frightened fowls and upon looking out the barn had disappeared. The cave-in occurred over the "Donkey Road" one of the old workings of No. 3 shaft and at a place exactly opposite the No. 5 school.

The fears of the residents of that section for the safety of their children who receive instruction there. have been again aroused and many are in favor of taking immediate steps toward making an organized effort to have the school board cause an examination of the old workings under the school building. The caves have occurred with alarming frequency all around the site and the residents have just cause for immediate action.

In Mr. McKenna's case the question as to who shall remunerate him for the live stock lost in the cave-in arises and the opinions of the people in that vicinity are divided, some thinking that the landlord should settle and others claiming that the Delaware & Hudson company should assume the damages incurred.

Poultry barn on Pike Street in Carbondale sinks about 40 feet in mine cave-in

Carbondale Leader, March 1, 1899, p. 4

THE POULTERER.

Scald out the drinking vessels regularly at least once a week.

Wheat is easy of digestion, but if too much is fed suddenly it is very apt to cause diarrhea.

Mark the chickens each year so that you can know their age. Kill or sell them after the third year.

The food trough that is kept full is the layman's method of feeding poultry. It is not only expensive, but unhealthful.

The flesh of fowls that have always been well fed is sweeter and juicier than that of those that have been fattened quickly.

Rolled oats or pinhead oatmeal is an excellent food to start chicks on. After the first week change gradually to cracked wheat.

Rapid eating is one of the worst evils in young fowls. Wet meal is thrown to them, they gorge themselves until surfeited and then die.

When feeding grain to hens, scatter it. This not only keeps the greedy hens from securing more than their share, but compels all to hunt for it.

There are two advantages in the large breeds. They are easily confined, and when ready for market they bring more on account of their weight.

Turkeys are capable of rapid digestion and are apparently always hungry. If allowed to forage, they can be kept at small expense; if confined, they will eat more than hens.—St. Louis Republic.

Carbondale Leader, April 24, 1899, p. 7

Carbondale Leader, May 19, 1899, p. 4

POULTRY HINTS.

Fire the dog that chases the chickens for sport. Teach him better manners or kill him.

If your wife or daughter has charge of the poultry, help her all you can and let her have all the money.

Feed meat meal, scraps or cut raw bone as soon as the fresh meat in the shape of insects and earthworms disappear from the range.

Be careful about mixing up varieties. If the kind you have is satisfactory, let well enough alone and improve by selection, not by crossing.

Ducks, especially the nervous Pekins, will become temporarily paralyzed by sudden fright. Be gentle in all your movements when driving ducks.

Hens that moulted early and are now clad in full new plumage should on no account be sold; they are the hens that will give you winter eggs under proper treatment.

Small potatoes furnish excellent winter food for poultry when boiled and mixed with bran and cornmeal, but are worthless if left exposed to the sun until green. Store them carefully.

Give piggy a chance to run, but keep him out of the poultry yard. He is just as much out of place there, and will get up as great a rumpus, as a wild steer in a china shop.

Weasels and skunks are enemies of the careless poultry keeper. All poultry should be kept in quarters made secure at night from these depredators. Openings for ventilation should be covered with wire screens.

Go to the coops and into the houses after dark, observe and listen. If the birds are constantly pecking and running their beaks through their feathers, something is wrong. Lice are present, and there is work for you.—Farm Journal.

Carbondale Leader, August 17, 1899, p. 3

TO START A POULTRY FARM.

Australian Ideas That are Practical in Any Section—Amount of Land Needed.

The first thing to be considered in starting a poultry farm is the site. This should be, if possible, on a nice slope; if the ground is level it should be drained.

The question of soil is an important one and should be considered. Some people thing, "any kind of land will do." There is a little truth in this, but not the whole truth. Grass land is the best, providing there is sufficient drainage, so that it will not remain damp after rain. The best soils are gravel or sand; sand is the best, as it keeps clean longer. Sandy soil after every shower looks clean, through the rain washing the droppings into the sand. On clayey or sticky soils the droppings remain on the top and are damp for several days after rain. With stiff, clayey soil poultry culture is a difficult task; with sandy soil we are more likely to be successful, for after a fall of rain all impurities are carried off and the yard seldom becomes foul.

If the poultry breeder raises his stock on stiff, clayey soil he will be compelled to dig and turn over his yards every season; on the other hand, sandy soils will not require to be turned over so often. If the yards or pens have a good coating of grass and the rainfall be fair most of the droppings will be used up by the grass after rain has dissolved it and washed it down to the roots of the grass.

As to the amount of land needed, it is just that area that can be taken care of and no more. In beginning a poultry farm it is always best to own the land or make arrangements for a long lease. It is a mistake to rent a farm from month to month or quarter to quarter, for no person cares to erect buildings, pens, yards, etc., on the land that he might be asked to leave just when he had got everything into working order.

After securing the land, the first item is houses. These can be built neat without being costly, and should be erected in such a manner as to be comfortable and warm during the winter months.

The most important part of a poultry house is the floor; if this be not properly made, no matter how well the rest of the house is constructed, it cannot be suitable. A damp floor means a damp house. The floor should be raised fully ten inches above the yard or outside ground. A good plan, when the house is erected, is to fiill the house inside with broken stones, gravel or cinders to a depth of five or six inches, then three or four inches of good stiff clay on top, well rammed down and sanded on top. Cement or asphalt makes a better and neater floor; still, the earth floor, made as I have said, of broken stones, etc.,, will suit just as well, besides being cheaper. All poultry houses should be perfectly rain-proof, so that the floor will always be dry; if not, the atmosphere of the house can never be pure and healthy.

The size of the house will depend on the number of fowls the owner intends to keep. As a general rule, for a rooster and six hens of the larger breed, six or seven feet square is ample; for the smaller breeds less will do. As to the aspect of the house, it is best to have it facing so that the sun can shine most of the day on the floor. It is easy to hang a screen or bagging if it requires shade at any time.

Cleanliness in the house means everything. The house should be thoroughly cleaned at least once a week; two or three time a week, of course, would be better. Always remember that keeping your poultry house clean means perfect health for your fowls and a bigger profit at the end of the year. The houses should be limewashed every spring; a little carbolic acid mixed with the wash is death to all lice and acts as a disinfectant.

In all poultry houses it is necessary to have one large door for the exit of the fowls. The position of both these will depend greatly on how the house is situated. It is best to have the door where the inmates will not be unduly exposed to cold or draft, for if put on the wind or cold side of the building it will be hardly possible to keep the fowls comfortable. For example, in some districts the west or northwest winds are most troublesome and it is nearly impossible to maintain the comfort of the fowls if the doorway faces these troublesome winds. It is a good plan to have an open weather or scratching shed built adjoining the covering or protecting the doorway.

The yard or runs, if possible, should be grass plots, but, of course, many may not be able to provide such; in that case they will have to supply the grass in the shape of green food by feeding their fowls with lettuce, cabbage leaves, turnip tops, etc. For real comfort and less care nothing can beat a good clean grass run. As to space absolutely necessary to keep fowls in good health, nearly all the poultrymen agree that it requires ten square feet of run for each bird of moderate size, and about half as much again for the larger breeds.

The best material for enclosing a run or yard is wire netting, two-inch mesh, three feet wide with three-foot palings at bottom, or boards laid longitudinally from post to post; the post for the fence to be about eight feet long and not less than four inches in diameter if square, and six or eight inches if in the round. If the posts are not placed more than nine or ten feet apart the netting will keep in better order and look neater, besides lasting longer.

A good plan, where the owner has the room, is to make two medium-sized yards out of one fairly large yard, and run the fowls in one while the other has a rest; in this way you get more out of the space than if you allow the fowls to run all over it. It is wonderful how quick a run that has been eaten down short will recover and produce nice green grass if the weather is at all favorable. Of course, the droppings soon disappear and become used up by the grass and weather, which leaves the run in perfect order for use again—Bantam, in the Farm and Dairy.

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Oyster shells pounded fine or ground are good for hens.

Crowding induces disease and lowers the vitality of the fowls.

Generally the smaller breeds are the more industrious foragers.

A dark comb is an indication of a congested state of the system.

Cleanliness and vigilance are two of the best preventives of disease.

Feed growing chickens well—a little at a time and often. Do not let them stop growing.

If the hens are too dark let the cock be somewhat lighter, and if the hens are too heavy in body use a medium sized cock.

The chief object, no matter what breed is used, should be vigor and activity. An overgrown, excessively fat fowl is a nuisance and should not be tolerated, especially among the breeders.

Do not undertake to winter too many hens. Twenty-five hens, given dry, comfortable quarters, well fed and well cared for, will give a much better profit than a larger number more or less neglected.

It is an old maxim that if any defects appear in the bird they will appear when the new feathers come out after moulting. It is usual for some breeds to moult lighter each year, so that sometimes what are taken for defects are not.—St. Louis Republic.